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1. EC COMMISSION CHIEF FOR SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN
AFFAIRS, HEINZ ANDRESEN, TELLS THE MISSION THAT THE
COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO IMPOSE TEMPORARY QUOTAS ON
SELECTED TEXTILE EXPORTS FROM TUNISIA, MOROCCO, EGYPT,
GREECE, TURKEY AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED COUNTRIES TO
FRANCE. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TELLS THE COMMISSION
THAT IMPORTS THIS YEAR FROM THESE COUNTRIES HAS
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INCREASED SO FAR BY 50 PERCENT OVER COMPARABLE
PERIODS LAST YEAR. THE COMMISSION PLANS TO
ESTABLISH QUOTAS BASED ON FRANCE'S IMPORTS LAST YEAR
OF COTTON SHIRTS, BLOUSES, YARN AND SEVERAL OTHER
ITEMS. THESE QUOTAS WILL ONLY APPLY TO FRANCE. THE
COMMISSION WILL USE THE ESCAPE CLAUSE PROVISIONS OF
ITS COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES IN

JUSTIFYING THIS UNILATERAL ACTION.

2. ANDRESEN SAYS THAT THE COMMISSION IS FEARFUL THAT OTHER MEMBER STATES MAY ALSO SEEK TO RESTRAIN THEIR TEXTILE IMPORTS, BUT THE COMMISSION HOPES TO HOLD THE LINE. ANDRESEN HAS INFORMED THE APPROPRIATE AMBASSADORS OF THE INTENDED COMMISSION ACTION. THEIR INITIAL REACTION WAS QUITE SHARP. HE ADDS THAT FRANCE WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE POLITICAL ONUS OF TAKING THIS UNILATERAL ACTION. ANDRESEN FEARS THAT THIS DECISION WILL SET BACK EC EFFORTS TO WORK CLOSELY IN PROMOTING TRADE AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE GOF'S DETERMINATION TO IMPOSE QUOTAS AND FRENCH DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, ANDRESEN BELIEVES THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO IMPOSE TEMPORARY QUOTAS.
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